

<b>AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT</b>				1. CONTRACT ID CODE		PAGE OF PAGES 1   5	
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0001		3. EFFECTIVE DATE 14-Oct-2008		4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.		5. PROJECT NO.(If applicable)	
6. ISSUED BY AFGHANISTAN ENGINEER DISTRICT US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS KABUL APO AE 09356		CODE W917PM		7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than item 6)  <b>See Item 6</b>		CODE	
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., Street, County, State and Zip Code)				X		9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. W917PM-08-R-0113	
				X		9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 21-Sep-2008	
						10A. MOD. OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.	
						10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)	
CODE		FACILITY CODE					
11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offer <input type="checkbox"/> is extended, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not extended. Offer must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended by one of the following methods: (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning <u>1</u> copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.							
12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)							
13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.							
A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.							
B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(B).							
C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:							
D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)							
E. IMPORTANT: Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> is not, <input type="checkbox"/> is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.							
14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)  The purpose of this amendment for solicitation W917PM-08-R-0113 is to answer questions from the offerors.							
Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.							
15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)				16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)			
				TEL: _____ EMAIL: _____			
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR		15C. DATE SIGNED		16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		16C. DATE SIGNED	
_____ (Signature of person authorized to sign)				BY _____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)		14-Oct-2008	

## SECTION SF 30 BLOCK 14 CONTINUATION PAGE

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

The following have been added by full text:

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS RFI # 1**Questions and Answers RFI # 1  
IDIQ Demining/UXO Contract.**

1. Question: Section B - Will there be a SubCLIN for required documents identified in Section C, paragraph 1.4 or is that cost to be built in and spread among the base (and option) year CLINs?

Answer: There will not be subCLIN for the required documents. The cost will be built in and spread among the entire contract.

2. Question: Section C - In Section 1.2, it is stated that “The contractor shall have available in country or onsite required armored mechanical equipment such as armored front-end loaders, excavator, mechanized armored rolling capability with detonation trailers [emphasis added]. Will a flail or a tilling machine meet this requirement?

Answer: A flail or tilling machine will not meet the original requirement that is in Section 1.2; however it can be part of the inventory of a company. The requirement is stated in Sec 1.2 and no emphasis has been added to mechanize armored rolling capability with detonation trailers. The rolling capability with detonation trailers can be anything that will meet the need of rolling ground in preparation of clearing a hazard area or for steep areas that will not allow deminers or MDDs to safely clear with out a reduction of the area prior to clearance. The mechanized equipment should have the ability to attach a detonation trailer either on the front or back end of it. This capability can be purchased commercially or can be manufactured off the local market as long as it serves the purpose requirement in section 1.2. The intent of these requirements for all items that are listed, and it is for them to be accessible quickly and in the most cost effective way, by having them in country meets this intent.

3. Question: Section C - In Section 1.2 it is stated that “the contractor is free to select the most cost effective means and methods of clearance as long as the work is executed in accordance with the IMAS and AMAS standards and meets the standards provided by the US Army Corps of Engineers.” What are the US Army Corps of Engineer Standards?

Answer: The US Army Corps of Engineers standards are the IMAS and AMAS standards with a possible greater clearance depth than required by both the IMAS and AMAS. The US Army Corps of Engineers will choose the higher of the standards that are stated in either the IMAS or AMAS. Other standards that the US Army Corps of

Engineers uses is the EM 385 -1-1 Safety Manual in which the guide for the Accident Prevention Plan (APP) and the Activity Hazard Analyses (AHA). These standards will be used for the submission of the APP and AHA. "The contractor is free to select the most cost effective means and methods of clearance as long as the work is executed in accordance with the IMAS and the AMAS standard and meets the standards provided by the US Army Corps of Engineers" section 1.2. This allows the contractor to choose whether the use of Manual teams or MDD will be effective. All work will be submitted for approval prior to work commencing. This is submitted in the form of the work plan etc...

4. Question: Section C – In Section 1.5 also states that "the contractor shall record the exact location of the fence line using GPS coordinates to show all changes in alignment." Noting that there are different GPS based technologies, what level of precision is required for this marking?

Answer: In section 1.5 the statement for use of GPS coordinates. Yes, there are many types of technologies in the GPS environment. The use of a standard "off the shelf" GPS will be accepted. However, if the contractor wishes to use a more advanced technology that will be the contractor's choice. It is understood that with "off the shelf" GPS's there is a +/- 3 meter difference on many of them.

5. Question: Section C - Should the contractor anticipate that one task order be issued at any one time?

Answer: The intent of the US Army Corps of Engineers is to be able to award multiple task orders concurrently with task orders being in different parts of the Afghanistan Area of Operations. Task orders can be awarded in groups or as a signal.

6. Question: H - Should the contractor propose based upon the new DBA rates which went into effect on 10/1/08? We were told the rates would be:
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| Service      | \$ 4.00 per \$100 of employee remuneration |
| Construction | \$ 7.50 per \$100 of employee remuneration |
| Aviation     | \$20.00 per \$100 of employee remuneration |
| Security     | \$12.50 per \$100 of employee remuneration |

Answer: Yes the new price should be included in the price which will be part of the overall cost of each CLIN

7. Question: Section H, Page 21, Paragraph 1.53.1 – Will UXO personnel exempt from the requirement for wearing hard hats for safety purposes as long as their clothing clearly identifies the company?

Answer: UXO and Demining personnel will be exempt from wearing hard hats. UXO and Demining personnel will be required to wear the appropriate PPE (personal protective equipment) that is stated in the IMAS and AMAS. The standard UN approved

PPE will be the requirement of UXO and Demining workers. The rest of the section 1.53.1 still remains in effect.

8. Question: Section I, Page 42, Clause 252.229-7001 – Please explain how this provision is to work in a FFP environment.

Answer: Please contact the US Embassy in Kabul for more details on the tax information.

9. Question: Section L, Page 58, Tab 3: Factor 3, Personnel & Equipment Resources Plan states that “All key personnel shall have a minimum of **five** years of professional experience.” What is deemed “professional experience?” Is this experience outside of the military or is this a combination of military and civilian experience?

Answer: The minimum of five years of professional experience can be a combination of both military and civilian experience. It can be either all military, all civilian, or both.

10. Question: Section L, Page 60 – What “evidence” will suffice regarding requirement 5 stated on the proposal cover sheet?

Answer: The “evidence” is the company letter head with a signature showing that the signee has the authority to sign on behalf of the company name.

11. Question: PWS, page 9 of 66, paragraph 1.2 -“The contractor shall have available in country or onsite required.....mechanized armored rolling capability with detonation trailers.

Question: Will the contractor have access to “Husky” or other mechanized armored vehicle with rollers and detonation trailers that are US Military GFE currently located at Bagram Airfield (or any other US Military installation within Afghanistan) for this contract?

Answer: The requirement is stated in Sec 1.2 to mechanize armored rolling capability with detonation trailers. The rolling capability with detonation trailers can be anything that will meet the need of rolling ground in preparation of clearing a hazard area or for steep areas that will not allow deminers or MDDs to safely clear with out a reduction of the area prior to clearance. The mechanized rolling equipment should have the ability to attach a detonation trailer either on the front or back end of it. This capability can be purchased commercially or can be manufactured off the local market as long as it serves the purpose requirement in section 1.2. The intent of these requirements for all items that are listed is for them to be accessible quickly and in the most cost effective way, by having them in country meets this intent. The “Husky” will not meet the requirement of rolling capability. The “Husky” use is for detection. The intent of rolling capability is to prep the ground by reducing the hazard by rolling the ground. If there is a written agreement between EODT and the US Army for unrestrictive uses of their equipment for use during clearance operations throughout the entire Afghanistan Area of Operations

then EODT can claim that equipment as part of their inventory but must submit the agreement in writing with proposal.

12. Question: The Instructions to Bidders states that proposals are due on 1 Nov 08 in Kabul at the AED office. However, at the Pre-proposal meeting on the 2nd of October there seemed to be a verbal request that proposals be received prior to this date.

Question: Please confirm this 1 Nov as the proposal due date?

Answer: The closing date is 01 November 2008 by 1700 Kabul Time. Proposal can be submitted prior to the closing date but is not recommend if a change to the solicitation is sent out.

13. Question: The Schedule B of the Solicitation notes several CLINs for costing. There is a CLIN for "Sites within 1.0 kilometer of Kabul (and other major locations), and sites other than these sites and Remote Sites". EODT understands the different weighting as reference to UXO, landmine, and fragmentation weighting for sites within 1.0 kilometer and sites outside of 1.0 kilometer. However the Remote Sites description appears to refer to security only.

Question: Is there a different weighting when referring to contamination for remote sites?

Answer: When referring to "remote sites" the weighing condition for costing should include the costs for all elements that will be required for extended period of time in a remote location. Remote sites may require living on the site and being able provide all life support and ancillary support elements for the duration of the task at that location.

14. Question: The Instruction to Bidders details for Factor 2 states that Factor 3 has a maximum of 10 pages. Question: Please confirm that the response to Factor 2 is limited to 6 pages and Factor 3 is limited to 10 pages?

Answer: On page 58 of the Proposal it shows in section (3) Page Limitations for each factor. Factor #2 is limited to 6 pages and Factor #3 is limited to one page for each resume provided, with a limit of 10 pages.

(End of Summary of Changes)